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Worcester County Monument

# DEDICATION

OF THE

EQUESTRIAN STATUE OF  
MAJOR-GENERAL CHARLES DEVENS

AND OF THE

MONUMENT TO THE SOLDIERS OF  
WORCESTER COUNTY IN  
THE WAR FOR THE UNION,  
JULY 4TH, 1906.

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WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

1907.

## The Commission

It was in the fall of 1891 that the first steps were taken in the movement to erect a statue in Worcester in honor of Gen. Charles Devens.

The late Senator George F. Hoar was the originator of the movement; he called a meeting of gentlemen supposed to be interested, which was presided over by the late Josiah H. Clarke with Edwin Brown as secretary, and the following call was mailed to several prominent citizens:

Worcester, Nov. 9, 1891.

Dear Sir :

You are respectfully invited to attend a meeting to take measures for erecting in Worcester a monument and statue to Gen. Devens to be held at the Worcester Club House on Elm Street, Friday, Nov. 13th, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Josiah H. Clarke, Chairman,  
Edwin Brown, Secretary.

At this meeting a committee of thirty-five gentlemen was chosen to solicit subscriptions for the statue, and the following circular was prepared for distribution :

*To the present and former Citizens of Worcester, and friends  
of the late GENERAL CHARLES DEVENS:*

It is proposed to erect a statue, with suitable pedestal, in honor of our late eminent and beloved fellow citizen, GEN.

CHARLES DEVENS. It is supposed that to obtain such a monument from a competent artist will require at least \$15,000. It is desired to raise this sum by subscription. Our beautiful streets and squares are not ornamented by a single statue, except those about the Soldier's Monument, which is the only work of art to which our citizens have contributed. The beautiful Bigelow Monument on the Common was the gift of a stranger. We hope you will be willing to do your full part toward adorning the city, which he so much loved and for which he did so much, with a suitable memorial of a citizen who was its ornament and pride.

The only result of the meeting at this time was a pledge of five gentlemen to contribute three thousand dollars towards a general subscription for the statue.

It was very soon decided, however, that for various reasons the time was not a propitious one for pressing the movement, and no further action was taken till the fall of 1901.

At a meeting of the Fifteenth Regiment Association, held at that time, the matter was again brought up and a committee was appointed to make an effort to raise the necessary funds. This committee consisted of Capt. J. Evarts Greene, David M. Earle, Col. Edward J. Russell, Capts. Amos Bartlett, Thos. J. Hastings and P. F. Murray.

This committee called a meeting of citizens which met in March, 1902, at which a general committee was appointed to have charge of the whole matter of the statute. This committee consisted of J. Evarts Greene, Emerson Stone, Chairman of the County Commissioners, Rufus B. Dodge, Mayor of the City, George F. Hoar, Daniel Merriman, President Wor-

cester Art Museum, Thomas C. Mendenhall, President of the Polytechnic Institute, and Col. Edward J. Russell.

The following Act of Incorporation, received from the Legislature of Massachusetts, was adopted at a meeting held April 4, 1902. By-Laws were adopted and the commission organized.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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*In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.*

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### AN ACT

To authorize Cities and Towns in Worcester County to contribute towards the Devens' Memorial Monument, and to incorporate the Worcester County Memorial Devens' Statue Commission.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Any city or town in the county of Worcester may raise and appropriate, and pay to the corporation hereinafter created, a sum not exceeding one cent on every one hundred dollars of its valuation, for the purpose of erecting in front of the county court house in the city of Worcester a monument in memory of the patriotism and valor of the men of Worcester county in the war for the Union; the monument to be surmounted by a bronze, equestrian statue of the late Major-General and Judge Charles Devens.

SECTION 2. George F. Hoar, J. Evarts Greene, Herbert Parker, Nathaniel Paine, Emerson Stone, Rufus B. Dodge, Daniel Merriman, Edward J. Russell, and the mayor of the

city of Worcester for the time being, and their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation under the name of the "Worcester County Memorial Devens' Statue Commission," with power to cause to be erected the monument above described and to fix the exact position thereof in front of the Worcester county court house in the city of Worcester, and to receive the contributions already collected for said monument and statue and all moneys that may hereafter be contributed for that purpose, and all moneys that may be raised and appropriated by the cities and towns of Worcester county and by Worcester county under authority hereof.

SECTION 3. The County Commissioners of the county of Worcester are hereby authorized to appropriate and pay to said corporation a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

SECTION 4. Chapter five hundred and six of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-six is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Officers were elected as follows: George F. Hoar, Chairman; J. Evarts Greene, Vice-Chairman; Nathaniel Paine, Clerk and Treasurer. An Executive Committee, consisting of Daniel Merriman, J. Evarts Greene and Rufus B. Dodge, was appointed. Also a Finance Committee: Emerson Stone, E. J. Russell and Nathaniel Paine.

Steps were at once taken to secure the necessary funds. The County of Worcester appropriated the sum of \$5,000 and the City of Worcester \$7,500, and the following towns of Worcester County made appropriations of nearly \$4,000, in sums from \$25 to \$450:

	Auburn,	
Berlin,	Boylston,	Brookfield,
Charlton,	Clinton,	Dudley,

Grafton,	Harvard,	Holden,
Hubbardston,	Lancaster,	Leicester,
Milford,	Millbury,	New Braintree,
Northboro,	Northbridge,	North Brookfield,
Oxford,	Oakham,	Paxton,
Petersham,	Phillipston,	Princeton,
Royalston,	Southboro,	Southbridge,
Sterling,	Sturbridge,	Spencer,
Sutton,	Templeton,	Upton,
Warren,	West Boylston,	Webster,
	Westboro.	

At a meeting of the Commission, held July 12, 1902, it was voted to contract with Daniel C. French and E. C. Potter for an equestrian statue of Gen. Devens for a sum not exceeding \$30,000, which contract was duly executed, and on November 27, 1903, a model of the statue, submitted by the artists, was formally accepted. Robert D. Andrews, architect, of Boston, was employed to design the pedestal for the statue.

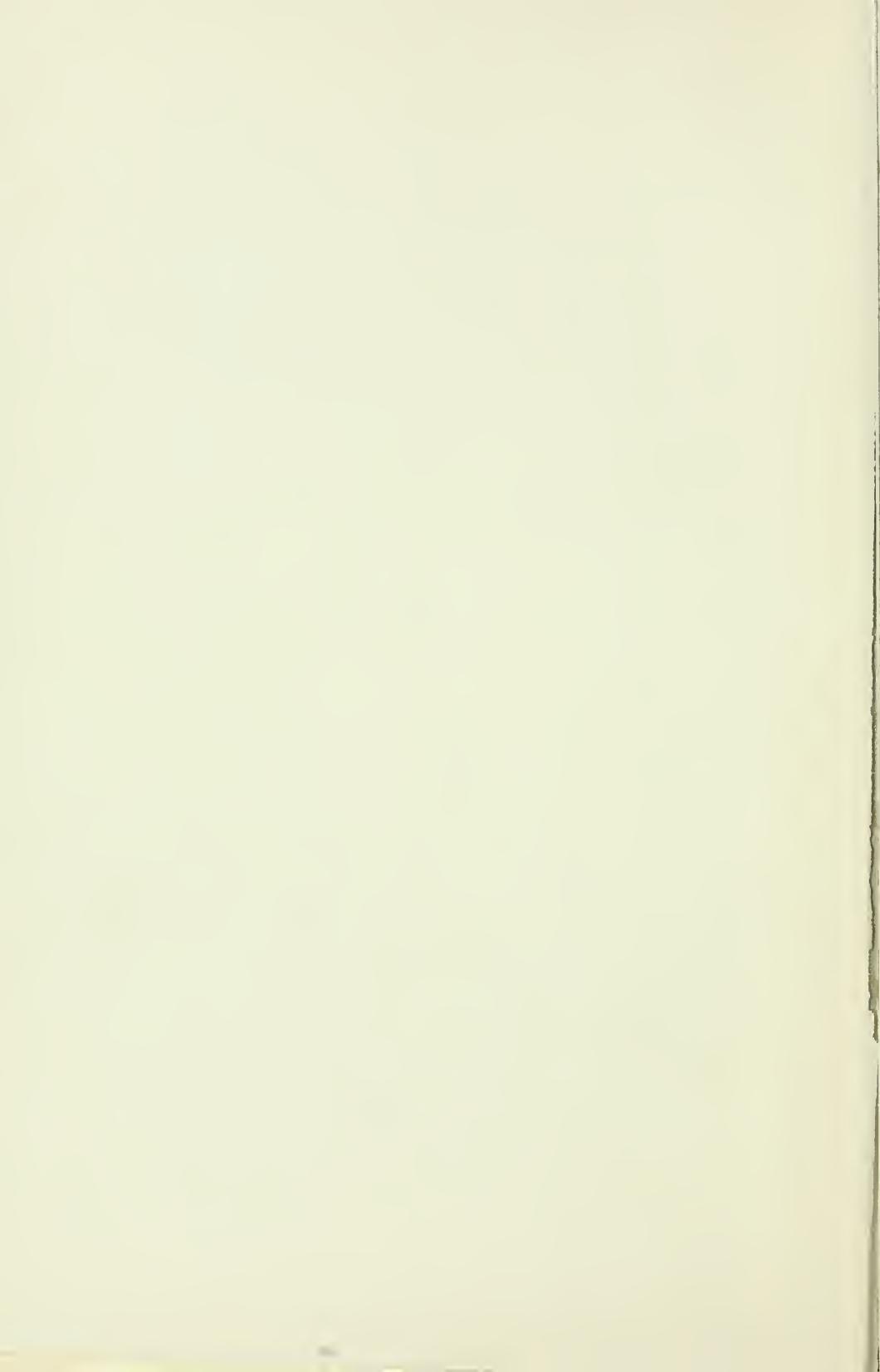
In June, 1904, the Commission voted "that it is expedient that the monument bear an inscription setting forth in substance that the monument surmounted by the statue of their beloved comrade, Maj. Gen. Charles Devens, be dedicated to the patriotism and valor of the men of Worcester County, who fought for their country in the war for the Union."

At a meeting of the Commission, held November 12, 1904, Gen. William F. Draper was chosen Chairman and Daniel Merriman, D. D., Vice-Chairman, to fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of Senator Hoar



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ADAMS	181	WELLES	200	WELLES	200
ALLEN	182	WELLES	200	WELLES	200
ANDERSON	183	WELLES	200	WELLES	200
ARMISTEAD	184	WELLES	200	WELLES	200
BARRETT	185	WELLES	200	WELLES	200
BELMONT	186	WELLES	200	WELLES	200
BENTLEY	187	WELLES	200	WELLES	200
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and J. Evarts Greene. Maj. Edward T. Raymond was elected a member of the Commission in place of J. Evarts Greene, deceased.

In May, 1905, the following vote was passed by the Commission in relation to the inscriptions to be placed on the pedestal: "That on the south side of the base the several organizations known as Worcester County Regiments, Battalions and Companies be placed, and on the north side of the base the names of the several cities and towns, with the number of men furnished by each."

In October, 1905, G. W. Cook, Chairman of the County Commissioners, was made a member of the Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Capt. Emerson Stone.

In October, 1905, a contract was made with the George D. Webb Granite and Construction Co. for the making of the granite pedestal in front of the Court House, to receive the statue, and with Jno. Williams, Inc., of New York, for the bronze lettering and tablets to be placed on the pedestal.

In September, 1903, several members of the Commission visited the studio of Messrs. French and Potter, at Glendale, Mass., and inspected the final model of the statue, which was approved and accepted at a meeting of the Commissioners held October 17.

The model was soon after sent to the works of the Gorham Manufacturing Co., at Providence, to be cast in bronze.

It should be mentioned that through the efforts of Senator Hoar, Congress had appropriated certain condemned bronze cannon to be used in making the

casting. These cannon received by the Commission from the government were sold for over \$2,000.

It was also voted by the Commission that the following inscription should be put on the bronze tablet to be placed on the pedestal on the west end.

## CHARLES DEVENS

SOLDIER, ORATOR, JURIST

1820-1891

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MAJOR, THIRD BATTALION MASS. RIFLES

APRIL, 1861

COLONEL, FIFTEENTH REGIMENT MASS. VOL. INFANTRY

JULY, 1861

BRIGADIER GENERAL, UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS

1862

BREVET MAJOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES VOLUNTEERS

1865

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPERIOR COURT OF MASS.

APRIL, 1867

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF MASS.

1873

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

1877

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF MASS.

1881-1891

On the east end:

TO

GENERAL DEVENS

AND THE

MEN OF WORCESTER COUNTY

IN THE WAR FOR THE UNION

1861-1865.

In December, 1905, the work of the sculptors was so near completion that a committee was appointed

to have in charge the dedication of the statue and memorial pedestal, to take place July 4, 1906.

This committee consisted of Rufus B. Dodge, Edward T. Raymond, Daniel Merriman, and Edward J. Russell, and they were given authority to make all necessary arrangements.

This committee reported later recommendations for the dedication exercises which were adopted, and Major Edward T. Raymond was chosen Chief Marshal.

Mr. Paine, the secretary of the Commission, was instructed to petition the City Council of Worcester for permission to place the memorial on land belonging to the city in front of the County Court House. He was also requested to notify the County Commissioners for the County of Worcester that it is proposed to transfer to the custody of the county, on the fourth day of July, 1906, the Worcester County Memorial Devens Statue.

The statue and pedestal were in place in ample season, and the dedication exercises took place on the fourth of July, as originally intended. A full account of the ceremonies at the dedication appears in another part of this publication.

The Commission at the date of the dedication of the Statue consisted of

General William F. Draper, Chairman,  
Rev. Daniel Merriman, D. D.,  
Hon. Rufus B. Dodge,  
Col. Edward J. Russell,  
Hon. Herbert Parker,  
Maj. Edward T. Raymond,  
Hon. George W. Cook,  
Chairman County Commissioners,  
Hon. John T. Duggan,  
Mayor of the City, Ex-officio,  
Nathaniel Paine, A. M., Secretary.



BRIEF MEMOIR OF GENERAL DEVENS

## Maj. Gen. Charles Devens

The subject of this notice is so well known to the citizens of Worcester that only a brief sketch of the prominent events in his life will be given here.

The late Senator Hoar, who was so much interested in procuring the statue of Gen. Devens, well said in a memoir of Gen. Devens that "To draw an adequate portraiture of Charles Devens would require the noble touch of the old masters of painting or the lofty stroke of the dramatists of Queen Elizabeth's day."

Charles Devens was born in Charlestown, Mass., April 4, 1820. He was the son of Charles and Mary (Lithgow) Devens, and a great-grandson of Richard Devens, who was a member of the Committee of Safety and Commissary General of Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War, from whom he very likely inherited some of the military ability that came in later years. He was a member of the Boston Latin School, from which he entered Harvard College in the Class of 1838, having among his classmates James Russell Lowell, and William W. Story the noted sculptor.

He studied at the Harvard Law School, receiving the degree of LL. B. in 1840. He studied his profession in the office of Hubbard & Watts, of Boston, and was admitted to the bar in 1844. He practiced for some time in Northfield, and later at Greenfield in Franklin County, and in 1848-49 was a state senator from that County.

In 1849 President Taylor appointed him United

States Marshal of the District of Massachusetts, which office he held for four years. These proved to be among the most trying and eventful years of his life, for it was during this time that the Fugitive Slave Act was passed and it became the duty of Gen. Devens to return to slavery one Sims who had escaped from Georgia.

Repugnant as this was to him, he believed it was his duty to carry out the law, even if by so doing he was acting against his private views and feelings. Gen. Devens, however, made a great effort to secure the freedom of Sims, and raised the money for his purchase, but circumstances beyond his control prevented his carrying out his intentions. Later he furnished the whole sum necessary to free Sims, but the condition of the country at the time rendered his aid unnecessary.

Gen. Devens removed to Worcester in 1854 and soon after formed a partnership with George F. Hoar and J. Henry Hill and did an extensive law business. In 1856 he was made City Solicitor of Worcester, holding the office for about three years.

On the breaking out of the Civil War, in April, 1861, when the call for troops came from President Lincoln, Gen. Devens was trying a case in court. He at once asked another lawyer to take charge of it and offered his services in defence of the government.

The Third Battalion of Rifles, composed mostly of Worcester men, were making preparations to start for the seat of war, and Devens was chosen its Major and in a few days went with his command to Fort McHenry, Md., where they were stationed for a short time.

July 24 he was appointed by Governor Andrew to the command of the Fifteenth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers and with them went into camp at Poolesville, Md., as a part of the Army of the Potomac. His

regiment took part in the unfortunate affair at Ball's Bluff, in which fight he was distinguished for his courage and coolness under fire, for although wounded he conducted himself in such a manner as to receive high praise from Gen. McClellan.

Shortly after Devens was made a brigadier general of volunteers, his brigade being part of the Fourth Army Corps under Gen. Couch. With his command he was in the desperate fight near the Chickahominy Bridge, where he was again wounded. Gen. Couch, in his report of this engagement, said of Devens, "He held his own firmly. . . . Severely wounded he remained bravely on the field until the last gun was fired."

In July, 1862, his division was assigned to the Sixth Corps under Gen. Franklin and later under Gen. John Newton.

In the movement against Fredericksburg, in December, Devens' command was in the advance and also covered the retreat. The commanding officer, in making his report, said, "My obligations are due especially to Brigadier-General Charles Devens, who commanded the advance and rear guard in crossing and re-crossing of the river."

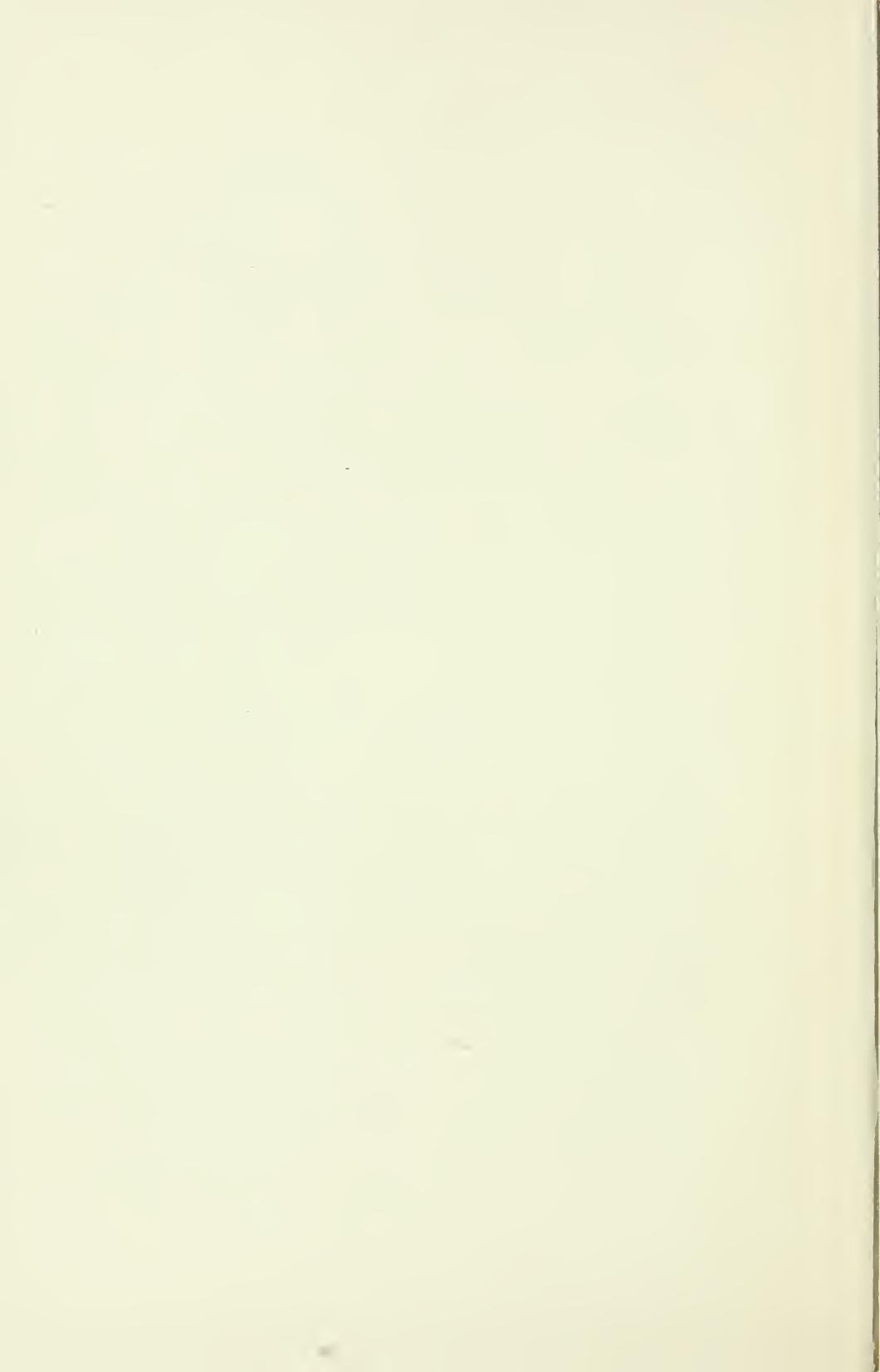
Gen. Devens was later appointed to the command of a division in the Eleventh Corps, under Gen. Hancock, and took part in the disastrous battle of Chancellorsville, where he was severely wounded. At the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, he was disabled by rheumatism, but remained on duty during the fight, being carried about on a stretcher, but was obliged to leave his command the next day on account of his illness.

He was able, however, to return to take part in the great campaign of Gen. Grant against Richmond.

He was in command of the Third Division of the



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Twenty-Fourth Corps, and had the great honor of leading the first Federal troops into the capital of the Confederacy and was placed in command of the city after the surrender. Later he was for some time in command in South Carolina.

Gen. Devens was mustered out of service in 1866 and returned to Boston to resume the practice of his profession. He was soon after appointed by Governor Alexander H. Bullock to the bench of the Superior Court of Massachusetts, serving in that capacity for about six years, when he was promoted to the bench of the Supreme Judicial Court by Governor Washburn. For four years he remained on the bench to the great satisfaction of the bar and of the community generally.

In 1877 he was offered a position in the Cabinet of President Hayes as Attorney General which he was at first disposed to decline but finally accepted and retained the office till the close of the administration of Hayes.

In 1877 Judge Devens received the degree of LL. D. from Harvard College, at the same time honorary degrees were conferred upon President Hayes and Phillips Brooks.

At the close of President Hayes' administration Devens returned to Massachusetts and was soon after appointed to the bench of the Supreme Court of the State.

Eminent as Gen. Devens had been in military life, he was still more so in civil life, and attained a high rank as a judge and as a member of the bar. As an orator, too, he achieved distinction, standing in the front rank of the public speakers of his day.

His oration on Gen. Meade, before the Society of the Army of the Potomac at New Haven, in 1873, and that at the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument at Worcester, in 1874, were most eloquent and schol-

arly, and show that he was a man of genuine patriotic impulses.

His brilliant address, June 17, 1875, on the occasion of the centennial anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill will be long remembered by those privileged to have heard it as marked by strong and felicitous language, most suitable for the occasion.

Other orations worthy of mention were that on Gen. Grant, at Worcester, in August, 1885, and that, as president of the Harvard College Alumni, on the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the college, both of them being unsurpassed in sentiment and in their courtly and polished delivery.

Mention should also be made of the very graphic and appropriate address made to his comrades on the battlefield at Gettysburg, in June, 1886, on the occasion of the dedication of the monument to the Fifteenth Massachusetts Regiment.

Judge Devens was always a gentleman, treating all with whom he came in contact, with courtesy, and in such a manner as to command their respect.

He was especially considerate of the men under his command, and while in the field, as the writer of this well knows, was often sending, not only words of friendship, but material aid to comrades in arms whom he thought in need.

To his intimate friends he was always most cordial, kind and thoughtful, and they felt sure that the friendship they so much prized was steadfast and sincere.

Gen. Devens' death occurred January 7, 1891, very suddenly after a brief illness, surrounded by his immediate relatives.

His funeral was from Trinity Church, Boston, January 10, 1891. The services were conducted by Rev. Phillips Brooks, LL. D. The remains were

interred at Mount Auburn Cemetery with military honors.

The bench and bar were represented in large numbers, and the Order of the Loyal Legion, of which he had been president for several years, was out in full force.

## Action of Post 10, Grand Army of the Republic, on the death of Gen. Devens.

To the muster-out roll of George H. Ward Post 10, Grand Army of the Republic, has been added the illustrious name of Charles Devens, and we his surviving comrades, desire to express and place upon record our appreciation of his noble life.

Here in the "Heart of the Commonwealth" his name is a household word, from it he went to the war and to it he turned as his home.

By his long connection with this Post and his comradeship with its members, he had endeared himself to us by the strong ties of affection and esteem. The bench justly praises his uprightness, the bar his impartiality, the soldier his bravery, and to the common praise that comes from all who knew him we would add the more tender tribute that friend gives to friend.

A life has ended which was an inspiration on the field of battle, and in peace an example of the highest type of American Citizenship.

As a field officer in the war of the rebellion, as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, as Attorney General of the United States, as a judge of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts he was the soul of honor and won the affection and confidence of all by his magnetic courtesy, dignity and spotless integrity.

We are grateful that this life, so much above our ordinary lives, was lived where we could share it; grateful for its rounded period and for its memory that shall inspire us in the future as did his voice and presence in the past.

To him we justly apply the words that fell from his lips in closing the eulogy of one of the distinguished Commanders of the Army of the Potomac. He was

"Mild in manner, fair in favor  
Kind in temper, fierce in fight,  
Warrior nobler, gentler, braver  
Never will behold the light."

WORCESTER, January 22, 1891.

A. B. R. SPRAGUE,  
JOSIAH PICKETT,  
WILLIAM A. GILE,  
HENRY E. SMITH,  
E. T. RAYMOND.

DEDICATION OF THE STATUE.



## Dedication of the Statue

The Statute of General Devens was formally unveiled in front of the Court House in Worcester in the forenoon of Wednesday, July Fourth. Very careful arrangements were made for every detail of the ceremonies which were carried out free from difficulty or accident.

In spite of the threatening skies and occasional showers a body of about two hundred and fifty members of the various militia organizations of Worcester, and more than a thousand veterans from different organizations serving in the civil war, assembled near the city hall for the parade. At this point His Excellency Governor Guild and His Honor Mayor Duggan were received.

Conspicuous among the veterans were the survivors of the various organizations which General Devens had commanded—notably the members of the old Fifteenth Regiment. The state colors of this regiment had been taken from their cabinet in the City Hall, with the consent of Mayor Duggan, and by him were turned over for this occasion to Col. H. E. Smith to be borne by him in the parade. He, as color sergeant of the regiment, had carried the same colors at the battle of Antietam.

The parade, under the command of Major E. T. Raymond, assisted by a numerous staff, marched promptly on time down Main Street and was com-

posed of the following organizations of militia and veterans in the following order :

#### FIRST DIVISION.

Platoon of police, under Sergt. George H. Hill.

Chief Marshal Maj. Edward T. Raymond and staff.

Chief of staff Capt. Charles H. Pinkham ; aids, Maj. Levis G. White, Capt. B. W. Potter, Capt. David A. Matthews, Charles H. Benchley, Charles M. Smith, Capt. William Bixby, George W. Mirick, Comdr. John J. Corless ; Orderly, Edward M. Dodge.

Lieut.-Col. Harry B. Fairbanks, commander of 1st division.

Staff : Col. Edwin R. Shumway, Maj. James E. McGourty, Lieut. Delevan R. Nichols, Lieut. Perley P. Comey, M. D., Lieut. Charles S. Longley, Capt. Frank L. Allen.

Worcester Brass Band, 24 Pieces ; leader, Frederick W. Clement.

Maj. Phineas L. Rider, commander of provisional battalion of infantry.

Worcester City Guards, A Co., 2d regiment infantry, 36 men, Capt. Edwin G. Barrett commanding, Lieuts. Moses H. Tisdell and Frederick H. Lucke.

Wellington Rifles, H Co., 2d regiment infantry, 45 men, Capt. Harry C. Young commanding, Lieuts. Clarence E. Smith and Fred A. Quigley.

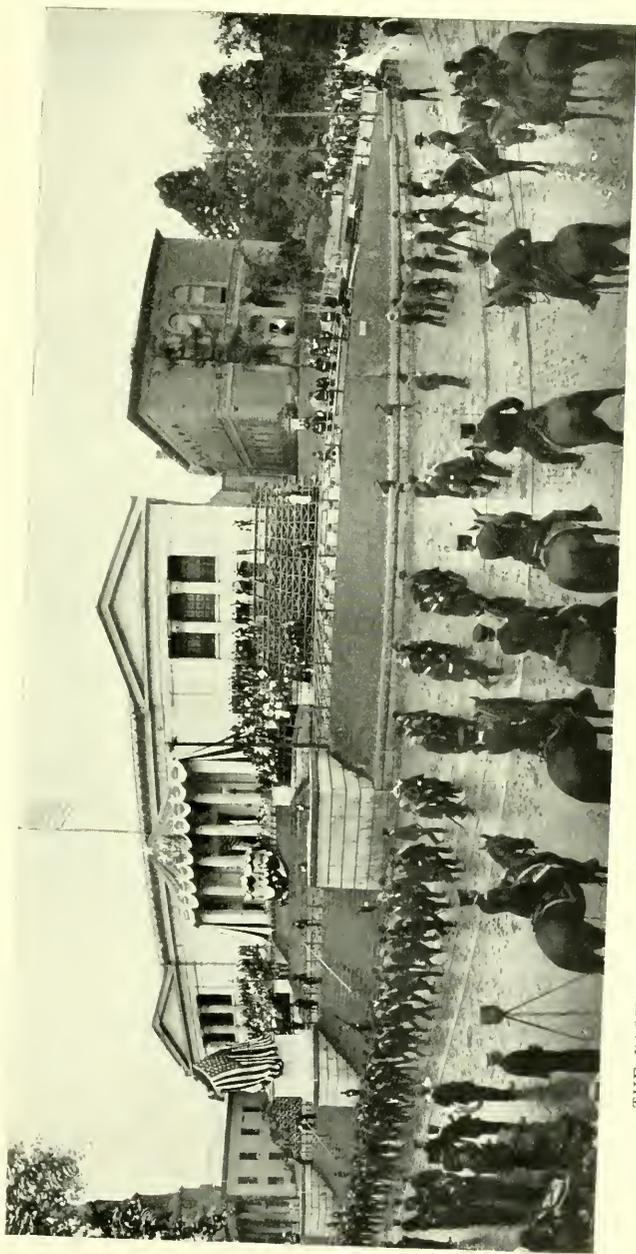
Worcester Light Infantry, C Co., 2d regiment infantry, 55 men, Capt. Herbert H. Warren commanding, Lieuts. William Stevenson and Lewis M. McCallum.

Emmet Guards, G Co., 9th regiment infantry, 50 men, Capt. John F. Hurley, Lieut. Matthew E. Hines.

B Battery 1st battalion Massachusetts field artillery, 65 men, Capt. Edward W. Wheeler commanding, Lieuts Nicholas J. Smith, Walter J. Cookson.

#### SECOND DIVISION.

This second (Veteran) division in the parade was made up entirely of veterans of the civil war including members of the several commands of Gen. Devens, the 3d Battalion of Rifles—the 15th Mass. Regt. of Vol. Infy.—and his first brigade composed of the 7th, 10th and 37th Mass. Regts. and the 2d Rhode Island.



THE PASSING OF THE 15TH MASS. REGIMENT AT THE HEAD OF THE VETERAN DIVISION.



Nearly 1,300 of these old veterans were in line, representing all the Grand Army Posts in the County, and by their presence testified to their love and esteem for Gen. Devens. Although the line of march did not exceed one mile, yet so infirm were many of the veterans that the hospital stations established by the Worcester City Guards along the line at frequent intervals, had many calls for assistance and temporary relief, and no less than eleven ambulance calls were necessary.

In the line could be seen the aged veterans accompanied by their daughters or other members of their families upon whom they leaned heavily for support.

Gen. Charles W. Wood, commander of division and staff, H. F. Rice, Sutton, Post 70; E. P. Morton, Webster, Post 61; Lewis L. Stone, Clinton, Post 64; Edward Lovell, West Boylston, Post 28; T. W. Munroe, Milford, Post 22; Robert S. Bryson, Worcester, Post 10; C. A. Wesson, Southbridge, Post 168; W. H. Moody, Grafton, Post 24; F. R. Doane, North Brookfield, Post 51; Ralph Dudley, Douglas, Post 137; J. C. McMullen, Fitchburg, S. of V., Camp 28; C. Newton Prouty, Spencer, Post 37; Frank Miles, Holden, Post 77; Lucius Field, Clinton, Post 64; James Early, Thomas H. Burton, Worcester, S. of V., Camp 25; Lieut. Harry L. Doane, E Co., 2d regiment infantry, Orange, S. of V., Camp 23, Athol; B. A. Bishop, E. P. Morton Camp 85, S. of V., Webster. Lucius Field was chief of staff and the orderlies were C. Newton Prouty, Frank Miles, B. A. Bishop, J. C. McMullen, Edward Lovell and Thomas H. Burton.

B Battery Band, 26 pieces, Emery D. Ingraham, leader.

15th Massachusetts Regiment, 140 men, Gen. John W. Kimball, Fitchburg, commanding. Devens' old brigade, Worcester County, Col. M. W. Tyler, Plainfield, N. J., commanding, 190 men.

Lyman Industrial School Band.

George H. Ward Post, G. A. R., 250 men, Comdr. Fordis O. Bushnell, commanding.

Gen. Devens Post, Oxford, 85 men with drum corps. Position in line at request of Post.

Nathaniel Lyon Post, G. A. R., Webster, Comdr. Henry Bandis, 35 men.

Joe Johnson Post, G. A. R., Northboro, Comdr. F. M. Harrington, 18 men.

Gilman C. Parker Post, G. A. R., Winchendon, Comdr. George M. Stearns, 12 men.

Malcolm Ammidown Post, G. A. R., Southbridge, Comdr. A. F. Sibley, 25 men.

D. G. Farragut Post, G. A. R., Gardner, Comdr. Jerome B. Smith, 32 men.

J. P. Rice Corps, G. A. R., Westminster, Comdr. C. W. Barnes, 16 men and Johnson's Drum Corps.

Hubbard V. Smith Post, G. A. R., and Parker Post, G. A. R., Athol and Athol Center. Comdr. Henry Brown and Comdr. E. J. Eddy in the ranks, 50 men.

F. A. Stearns Post, G. A. R., Spencer, Comdr. George P. Clark, 25 men and 10 from George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., Leicester.

Ezra Batcheller Post, G. A. R., North Brookfield, Comdr. Sumner Holmes, 20 men.

Theron E. Hall Post, G. A. R., Holden, Comdr. George Bascom, 12 men.

Arthur G. Bisco Post, G. A. R., Westboro, Comdr. J. W. Fairbanks, 14 men.

George A. Custer Post, G. A. R. Millbury, Comdr. A. H. Batchelder, 20 men.

Charles H. Stevens Post, G. A. R., Leominster, Comdr. O. J. Putnam, 45 men.

Edwin V. Sumner Post, G. A. R., Fitchburg, Comdr. Edward W. Ackley, 60 men and 6th regiment drum corps, 16 pieces.

Maj. J. A. Pratt Post, G. A. R., Sterling, Comdr. W. S. Walker, 14 men.

H. H. Legge Post, G. A. R., Uxbridge, Comdr. Joseph N. Buckley, 18 men.

A. B. R. Sprague Post, G. A. R., Grafton, Comdr. E. A. Howe, S. V. C. 25 men.

J. Oren Fiske Post, G. A. R., Upton, Comdr. C. W. Comstock, 12 men.

Maj. E. E. Fletcher Post, G. A. R., Milford, Comdr. Edward E. Cook, 50 men and Cambridge's band, Franklin, 24 pieces.

Seats were arranged on each side of the Statue for the veteran soldiers, and on each side of the steps of the Court House, for invited guests. On the upper steps of the Court House a covered platform for the speakers and others, was erected, and this and the front of the building were handsomely decorated with flags. An able corps of ushers under charge of Daniel E. Denny was in attendance and the seats were early filled with a great concourse of people; while the opposite sidewalks and the street below, from which all traffic was excluded, were crowded with spectators.

It was shortly after ten o'clock when the parade arrived at the monument and by half past ten the veterans were seated about the statue.

Upon the speaker's platform there were, in addition to the presiding officer, the orator and chaplain, His Excellency Governor Guild, His Honor Mayor Duggan, Lieut. Governor Draper, Hon. William H. Taft, Secretary of War, Chief Justice Knowlton and Justice Braley of the Supreme Court, Gen. E. H. Ripley, who commanded a brigade in Gen Deven's division, Hon. Rockwood Hoar, and many other invited guests both ladies and gentlemen.

The morning which had been cloudy and showery cleared up soon after the exercises began.

At twenty minutes before eleven Gen. Wm. F. Draper, Chairman of the Commission, called the assembly to order and asked Rev. Daniel Merriman, D. D., to offer prayer, which he did as follows:

Lord, God Almighty, God of our fathers and our God: dweller in the sunshine and the storm; ruler in peace and in war;

revealer of justice and judgment; inspirer of wisdom, courage, piety, truth and high endeavor in the beating hearts of men; we glorify Thy Holy Name as our Father, our Saviour, our Comforter.

We praise thee that thou has written thy law upon the face and in the secret chambers of nature; in the bodies, minds and consciences of men, and that thou has revealed it in the long and slow effort upward toward the light, of the struggling race from the beginning.

We bless thee that thou hast always from of old been found of those who sought thee, whether on the mountain top or in the valley; whether by the fireside or in stormy parliaments; in the great cathedral or on the tented field.

We praise thee for thy commandments and for the great unfolding of thy forgiving love in the life and character of thy Son, our Lord.

We adore thee for the great charters of human liberty and law painfully wrought out through the labors and sacrifices of countless generations; for the costly institutions of government, education and religion; and especially for the priceless foundations and securities of this ancient and beloved commonwealth and of the great republic of which it is a part.

We give thanks to thee for the long and splendid roll of the prophets, teachers, lawgivers, martyrs, men of science, judges, leaders, soldiers, statesmen—heroic and patriotic—whom thou hast raised up and trained in all times and nations, to illustrate and set forward the principles of thy kingdom; for those whom, at every crisis, from the earliest times to this very hour, thou has selected and ordained in this town, this state, this nation, to show forth thy power, thy wisdom, thy grace, by working righteousness and establishing truth, justice and freedom in the land.

In particular we are profoundly grateful to thee, to-day, for the noble character and achievements of the citizen soldier whose image we here set up and dedicate; for his sagacity, patience and valor on the field of battle; for his wise statesmanship in council; for his highmindedness and purity on the bench; and for the spotless example as a patriot and a man, which he left for our youth.

May this statue which we here dedicate in faith and reverence, abide in unsullied beauty and dignity, through long succeeding generations, to tell the inspiring lessons of his life to thousands of young men and to kindle in them a like respect for law, a kindred zeal for liberty and a similar consecration of service for their country and their God.

We also bless thee for the high patriotism, courage and self-sacrifice, in the dark hours of civil warfare, of the men of Worcester County of whom this stone is a memorial; and we pray that, inspired by the record which they made—here briefly inscribed—there may never be lacking to the commonwealth and the nation men of like splendid patriotism for every issue, whether of peace or of war, which the future may disclose.

Lord, God of hosts, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, let thy blessing be upon the chief magistrates of our great nation, our commonwealth, our city, and upon the whole body of the people.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. Defend us from the dangers of our prosperity. Bring to naught the devices of those who would work us evil. Make us vigilant to preserve from corruption the immeasurably precious inheritance which we have received from our fathers. Save us from forgetting thee and from dishonoring thy name and commandments.

Remember, not against us our sins. Write thy laws upon our hearts and put thy Holy Spirit within us we beseech thee, to the end that those who come after us may rise up to call us blessed, that liberty guarded by law may not perish in our land, and that thy kingdom may come in all the earth to the glory of thy holy name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

At the conclusion of the prayer, His Excellency Governor Guild was introduced and spoke as follows :

It is my high privilege to-day to bring you the greetings of the Commonwealth.

This statue of a soldier is appropriately placed before a temple of justice. The motto of Massachusetts as placed beneath the arms of the Commonwealth declares that in the maintenance of peace, order and liberty Massachusetts does not hesitate to draw the sword. Such is the spirit of Massachusetts. Such was the life of Devens.

A marshal in the times when the odious Fugitive Slave Act was law, he executed the law as he found it, and then not only rescued the unhappy victim, Thomas Sims, from slavery, but as attorney-general secured him employment in the department of justice.

A man of peace, he did not hesitate to do his stern duty in time of war. A Minute Man of '61, commissioned on the historic 19th of April in that year, wounded at Ball's Bluff and at Fair

Mr. President, and Members of the Worcester County Memorial Devens Statue Commission :

Your work has been well done. You honor Worcester County to-day and you honor her own. The gift you bring to-day in remembrance of him, a leader, a scholar, a jurist, and to those in numbers inscribed thereon who responded to the call to arms in 1861 from Worcester County, is accepted by a grateful and loving community. In no place more fitting than here in the heart of the county could it stand an inspiration for future generations, a lasting memorial until the devouring hand of time shall have done its work.

This memorial we dedicate to-day chiseled in stone and wrought in bronze bears testimony of a grateful people. Each city and town throughout the county gave willingly of its best to the cause of freedom, and their gift of boys who wore the blue and carried musket or sword stands for all time recorded here to-day.

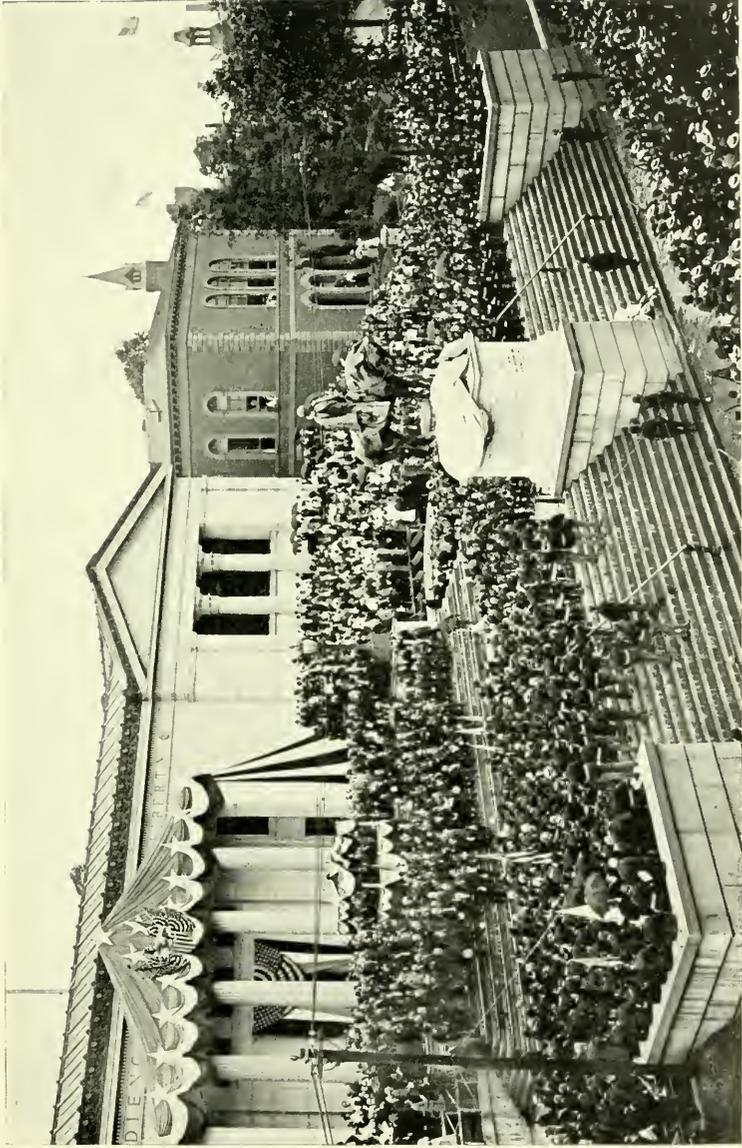
And now Mr. President, and members of your Commission, on behalf of Worcester County, as its representative, I accept this beautiful memorial.

After the applause which followed Mr. Goodale's remarks had ceased, General Draper introduced the orator of the day, Gen. Steward L. Woodford, of New York, who served with General Devens in the war, and was also for four years, as District Attorney for New York, under General Devens' direction as Attorney General.

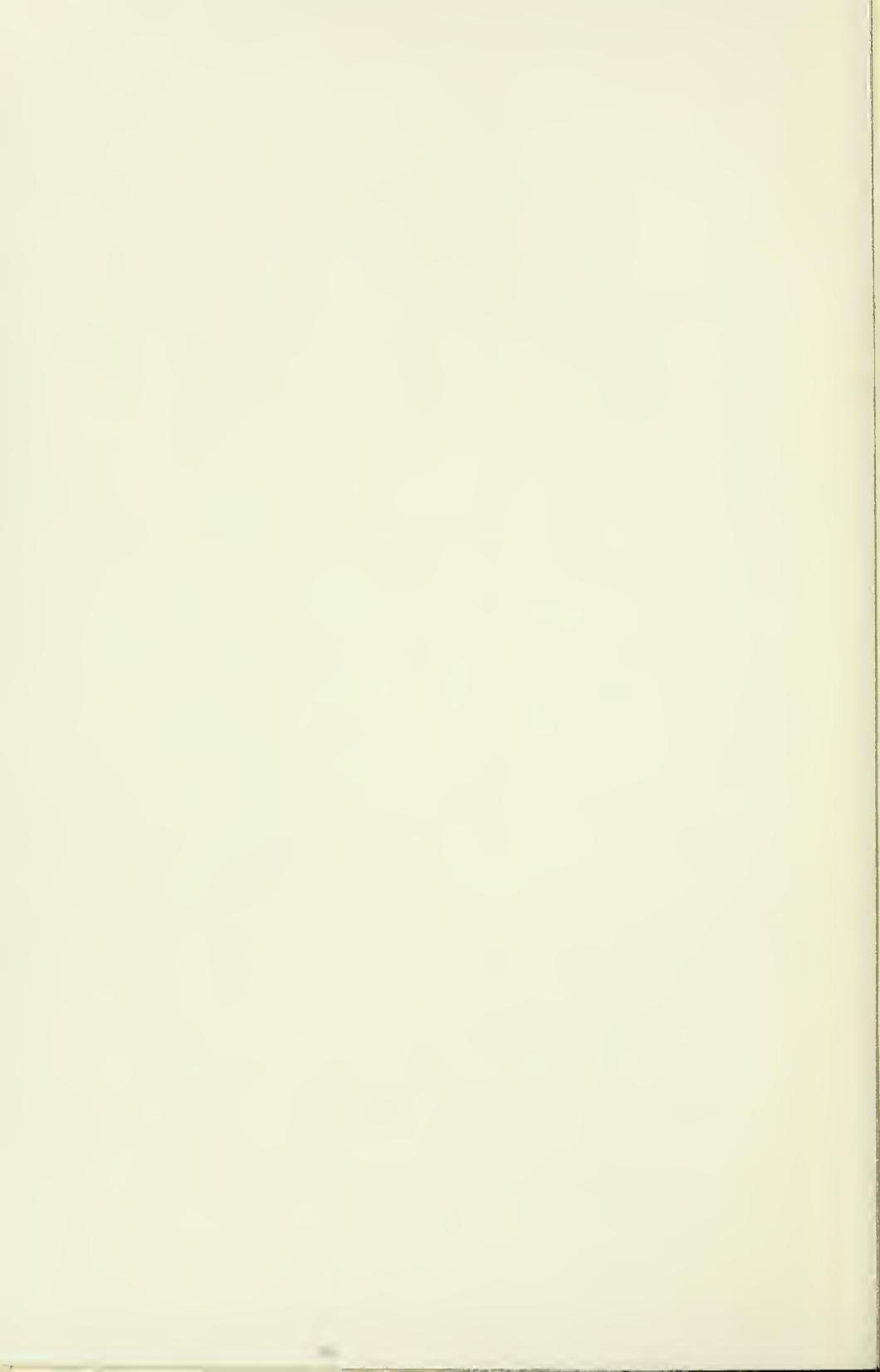
Just before General Woodford was introduced the rain, which had been falling, ceased and the sun came out. He was received with cheers and spoke as follows :

Mr. Chairman, and women and men of Worcester :

The summer rains have fallen like a benediction on the monument we dedicate to-day. They have made the earth green and glad and will return in harvest and in fruitage. So the memory and the influence of the leader and the soldiers to whom we dedicate this monument will return in the harvest of better living and higher citizenship and in the fruitage of a stronger and more enduring Union.



UNVEILING OF STATUE AT DEDICATION EXERCISES.



It was my peculiar personal privilege to receive and my duty to promptly accept your generous invitation to be here and share with you in these services. For a little time I served in the same army corps with General Devens—the old Eleventh of the Army of the Potomac. It fell to my lot to be the Military Governor of Charleston, before he came to assume that command. For four years I served as the law officer of the United States at New York under his wise leadership as the Attorney General of the United States, and I am grateful that I was honored by his friendship until his death.

Brief shall be my story of his work and worth.

At forty-one years of age he was here in Worcester, a successful lawyer and respected citizen, courtly in manner and upright in life. On that quiet Sunday morning in April, 1861, which some of you so well remember, the telegraph flashed into your homes and churches the tidings that Sumter had been fired on. The next morning, April 15th, he was trying a case in your old court house. The confirmation of the attack on Sumter came. He turned to his assistant in the trial and simply said: "You must take this brief, I must go to the armory."

He telegraphed to the Governor of your Commonwealth, offering his services. The 3d battalion of rifles was at once organized and he was chosen major. On the next night, the sixteenth, he spoke in old Mechanics Hall, pleading in words, whose thrilling echoes linger still in your old men's memories, to the young men of Worcester to enlist and to give themselves and if need be their lives to country and to flag. These responded promptly and loyally. Within two weeks Charles Devens and your Worcester rifles were entrained for Baltimore.

In July of that year he was made Colonel of your Fifteenth Massachusetts Regiment. Historic and fateful number, for the old Worcester regiment in the Continental Army bore on its flags that same proud number.

In the autumn of that year he led you at Ball's Bluff and in his first fight was wounded. Gallant as was your service and steady as was your stand that day you were forced back. Some of you old men well remember that awful afternoon and how your broken ranks recrossed the river, your Colonel by your side, steadying your lines and sustaining your courage.

In the spring of 1862 he was made Brigadier General. At Fair Oaks he was one of the three or four brigade commanders who held and re-formed our lines until reserves came up and saved the day.

At Fredericksburg he led your advance across the Potomac and after that disastrous engagement he had the distinction of commanding your vanguard when you recrossed the river.

At Chancellorsville it fell to his lot to attempt resistance to the onslaught of Stonewall Jackson. He did his best. None could have done more. The right of our line was forced back in inextricable confusion. Wounded early in the day, he remounted his horse, stayed with his command and was with them to the end. He did not go to the hospital until his men had bivouacked in safety.

Absent for four months with lingering, dangerous wound, he came back to the Army of the Potomac, when it was reorganized under Grant. He was with that army in its marvellous campaign "by the left flank forward," in battle after battle until that horrible day at Cold Harbor. There your beloved leader, unable to sit his horse, unable to stand, was carried in his litter up and down your ranks, sustaining, cheering, holding his men up to their work. At Cold Harbor, with its unmatched record of dead no braver man fought beneath the flag than Charles Devens of the Massachusetts Fifteenth.

When at the last the end came and victory bent from the arching skies to place its wreath upon the brows of the Army of the Potomac, you are reverently glad that Charles Devens, with General Ripley (who is with us to-day) went over the Confederate earthworks in the van. It was fitting reward for his services that Charles Devens was the first Military Governor of Richmond.

And his first service was such as this great hearted soldier and gentle hearted man must have been glad to render. It was not a service as conqueror but as friend, for he kept the city from riot and disorder and saved it from conflagration. (Applause.)

Then came his memorable work as Commandant at Charleston, where he assisted in rebuilding the Civil Authority so nearly torn down in 1861.

Then the war ended and its results of a restored Union having been assured, in 1866 he resigned from the army, returned to Worcester and resumed the practice of the law.

In 1867 he was made judge of the Superior Court and in 1873 he was promoted to the Supreme Bench of your Commonwealth.

On April 5th, 1877, President Hayes offered him the Secretaryship of War. This he declined. The next day he was offered and accepted the Attorney Generalship of the United States.

When Judge Shipley died General Devens was offered the Judgeship of the Eastern Federal Circuit of New England. He wished to accept, for his tastes were distinctly judicial. But he had undertaken executive duties as the legal adviser to the President and stood by his post of duty, reluctantly but firmly putting aside the courted work of the Bench.

(Here General Woodford turned to Secretary Taft of President Roosevelt's cabinet, who was sitting on the platform, and continued) And there are some of us who hope and trust that some of General Devens' successors in cabinet honors and cabinet work will not be tempted by the great honors and congenial employment of high judicial place, to lay down that duty wherein they have done and still must surely do large and enduring work in aid of the President and for the lasting good of the nation. (This expression so evidently directed to Secretary Taft, was received with hearty and continued applause.)

When his service as Attorney General ended, he returned to Massachusetts and Governor Long appointed him judge of your Supreme Court.

For ten years he served in that high place, serene in the simple dignity of his citizenship, beloved by the people of this Commonwealth, honored by the entire nation.

In January, 1891, he fell on sleep among those he had served so long, so bravely and so well.

How shall we venture to sum up and state the life, the worth, the essential manhood of this man?

He was a citizen in all that citizenship means and implies. He was a jurist in the large and true sense of the word. He was a wise, a broad, a great lawyer. He was an orator whose full, rich and classic eloquence lives on the printed page as it enchains our enraptured sense when spoken. But above all Charles Devens was, as no man whom I have known, the essential type of the citizen soldier and the soldier gentleman. (Hearty applause.)

Like Bayard he was without fear and without reproach; simple yet dignified; everywhere and at all times a real man. Standing as Advocate before the Supreme Court at Washington; mingling with courtiers, diplomatists and soldiers; sitting on the highest Bench of the Commonwealth, he was always one whom any drummer boy in his old regiment could have gone to for sympathy and help. (Long continued applause.)

Could Charles Devens be with us in the flesh to-day, as I feel

that he is with us in the spirit, he would be glad, yes, grateful that the monument Worcester consecrates to-day is not only for him, but for every Worcester County soldier, whatever his rank or service.

For what did he and they and you, who still remain, become soldiers? Not for glory. Not that names like Marengo and Wagram might be blazoned on your flags. You fought that the Nation might live. You fought that liberty might go with our flag wherever that flag goes over land and sea. Equal courage and equal sincerity I concede to those against whom you fought. But history must forever record that service for the Union was eternally right and service for secession eternally wrong. (Applause.)

We have saved the nation. We have kept the flag. Our children have it in solemn charge to keep what we have won. Corrupt as politics sometimes may be; unjust as wealth sometimes is; blind and wrong as corporations and labor unions sometimes are; still on this our nation's birthday and in the presence of this heroic statue, facing towards Plymouth Rock and Bunker Hill, I believe and you believe that this nation, under equal laws and guided by God, shall long be kept secure in Union and freedom. (Applause.)

Memories of the past crowd thick around us. Into those eyes of bronze comes the light of the other life. The shadows of the old flags are bending above us. Comrades, living and dead, are touching elbows here to-day. Let us here and now highly resolve that we and our children do our duty as citizens in years to come.

As our fathers kept, so may we keep, the land of the Puritan and the Pilgrim; of Plymouth Rock and Lexington and Concord and Bunker Hill. May God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Long and vigorous applause followed the address of General Woodford, and then General Draper asked all to rise and sing two stanzas of "America" while the band played the air.

With this the formal exercises of the dedication of the statue and monument were concluded.

The veterans marched to the armory where they, to the number of about a thousand, were served with

luncheon. About one hundred persons including the members of the Commission, the Governor's party, relatives of General Devens, officers of the Grand Army and of the Loyal Legion, took dinner at the rooms of the Commonwealth Club.

It was estimated that upwards of ten thousand people witnessed the unveiling of the statue and heard the speakers.

STATEMENT  
 Nathaniel Paine, Treasurer  
 MAY 1st, 1907

DR.	
Total subscriptions to date, . . . . .	\$34,568.01
Received from sale of bronze cannon, . . . . .	2,088.10
Income from investments to date, . . . . .	5,221.58
	<u>\$41,877.69</u>
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Paid French & Potter, for statue, . . . . .	\$30,000.00
“ Geo. D. Webb Granite Co., for pedestal, . . . . .	5,759.80
“ John Williams & Co., Inc., for bronze letters, . . . . .	655.00
“ Andrews, Jaques & Rantoul, architects, . . . . .	538.79
“ for printing and engravings, . . . . .	339.98
“ premium and interest on securities bought, . . . . .	907.26
“ on account of expenses of dedication of statue, . . . . .	1,652.67
“ Woodbury-Carlton Co., for halftones, . . . . .	49.75
“ incidental expenses, . . . . .	572.60
	<u>\$40,475.85</u>
Balance, . . . . .	1,401.84
	<u>\$41,877.69</u>
Estimated expense of this publication and mailing, . . . . .	200.00
	<u>200.00</u>

I have examined the above statement and believe it to be correctly stated and the cash balance is duly accounted for.

HENRY A. MARSH,  
*Auditor.*

After all charges are paid it is estimated that about \$1,200 will be left in the hands of the Commission, and it is proposed to turn this balance over to the County of Worcester, to be in charge of the County Commissioners, as a permanent fund, the income of the fund to be used in keeping the statue and pedestal in good order, and for the decoration of the same on Memorial days.







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